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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SECTION 301 CASE INITIATED BY
CHARLES REHFELDT

1. FEDERAL REGISTER OF DECEMBER 1, 1977 CARRIED NOTICE
OF FORMAL TERMINATION OF SECTION 301 (TRADE ACT OF 1974)
CASE INITIATED BY CHARLES C. REHFELDT IN MARCH 1976. TEXT
OF NOTICE FOLLOWS:

PURSUANT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AS AMENDED, THE
TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE HEREBY TERMINATES ITS REVIEW
OF A PETITION ALLEGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BY THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) AGAINST UNITED STATES COMMERCE IN
HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE
TRADE ACT OF 1974 (DOCKET NO. 301-9).

ON MARCH 15, 1976, A PETITION WAS RECEIVED FROM MR.
CHARLES C. REHFELDT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LAI
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FU TRADING CO., LTD., ALLEGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACITCES BY
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, IN THE FORM OF CONFISCATORY TARIFF
LEVELS ON IMPORTS OF MAJOR HOME APPLIANCES. THE PETITION
REQUESTED RELIEF UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF

1974.

FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF VIEWS BY INTERESTED PARTIES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT, THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, THROUGH THE SECTION 301 COMMITTEE, CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE PETITION. WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ROC WAS MAINTAINING DUTY SURCHARGES ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN HOME APPLIANCES LONG AFTER THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RATIONALE FOR THOSE SURCHARGES HAD DISAPPEARED, THE UNITED STATES OPENED EXTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROC SEEKING REMOVAL OF THOSE SURCHARGES.

AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS THE ROC HAS IMPLEMENTED THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS OF DUTIES.

ROC TARIFF NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION FROM (PERCENT)	RATE REDUCTIONS
8412(1)	AIR CONDITIONERS	60 TO 45
8415(3)(A)	DOMESTIC REFRIGERATION	60 TO 35
8514(4)	MICROPHONES	45 TO 33
8515(1)(A)	COLOR TELEVISION SETS	60 TO 35
8515(2)(A)	RADIO COMBINED WITH	45 TO 33

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9211(3)	GRAMOPHONES	58 TO 39
	INCORPORATING AMPLIFIERS	
(4)	OTHERS	58 TO 39

ON THE BASIS OF THESE ACTIONS, THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE HAS CONCLUDED THAT ACTION IS NO LONGER REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE 1974 AND THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THROUGH A BILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE TERMINATES THE REVIEW OF PETITION UNDERLYING DOCKET NO. 301-9.

WILLIAM B. KELLY, JR.
CHAIRMAN
TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE
END TEXT.

2. POST MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING AS APPROPRIATE IN CON-

VERSATIONS WITH ROC OFFICIALS AND TRADE CONTACTS. ROC
EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED. CHRISTOPHER

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